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above mentioned States have been identified for upgradation/development under the World Bank loans.

(d) The project under the 1992 loan are scheduled for completion by June 2001 while those under the new loan approved in 2001 are scheduled to be completed by 2003-2004.

National Safety and Transportation Board

3765. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to constitute a National Safety and Transportation Board to enquire into the accidents and disasters in the country;

(b) if so, by when Government are going to set up such a board; and

(c) what are the advantages and disadvantages if such a board is constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Notification of amended Motor Vehicles Act

3766. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amendment made to the Moto Vehicles Act last year has been notified;

(b) if so, the date of notification;

(c) whether the rules concerning the static and mobile pressure vessels have been framed; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in framing the rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) The amendment made to the Motor Vehicles Act last year has been notified on 14.8.2000 in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part II Section 1.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Cost overrun of NH Development Project

3767. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's ambitious National Highway Development Project is facing a sharp cost overrun of more than 5,000 crores;

(b) if so, what steps his Ministry has taken to reduce the cost overrun of the project; and

(c) in what manner Government are planning to control the traffic on the National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The traffic on all Highways including National Highways is being controlled by the concerned State Governments.